OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: HAYNES & JMG: PROGRAM FUNDING UPDATE AND CANTON ONE-STOP CENTER

DATE 6/17/03 **CC:** FILE

Funding

Joe Haynes and I met this morning for him to update me on next year's funding for programs. As I shared with you in my May 9th memo, current committee language in Congress regarding WIA's reauthorization would preclude the use of WIA funds to serve in-school youth. The Administration is proposing that the federal vocational and technical Perkins Act concentrate on in-school youth programs and WIA concentrate on out-of-school youth programs. Both the South Delta Workforce Area and the Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation cited this anticipated change as reason for not funding JMG next year. In addition, neither the Hinds County WIA Board, South Central PDD or the Twin District WIA chose to fund JMG's new funding grant proposals for next year due to this anticipated change.

Haynes has worked with MDE and local school officials to secure funding for Pass Christian to have a new JMG program next year. However, his efforts haven't identified funding for existing programs in Harrison County, Pascagoula, Bay-Waveland and Hancock County school districts. Local superintendents don't want to use Title I funds for JMG. It appears as if we'll lose these 4 programs next year.

Canton One Stop Center

Jobs for America's Graduates and its state affiliates provide 3 types of services: dropout prevention, dropout recovery and school-to-work skills. JMG has not been able to address dropout recovery. Haynes has identified an opportunity to participate in dropout recovery via the WIN One-Stop Job Center in Canton.

JMG will join forces with other agencies and funding sources (MESC, Department of Rehab Services, MS Regional Housing Authority, MSU Cooperative Extension Service, and grants) to fund and operate the Center. JMG will have a pilot class of 20 students who, upon completion, will have earned their GED, earned an occupational skills certificate, mastered JAG's 37 core competencies and obtained a job or entered higher education. JMG's cost of the partnership will only be \$5,441.77. The total cost of the Center is approximately \$331,457.

Here is the problem: Haynes ran this proposal by the entire board before he ran it past us. The Central MS Planning and Development District has requested that Haynes return the signed lease agreement for JMG's 392 square feet of space in the Job Center by tomorrow, June 18. I

explained to Haynes that he should have run it past you and gotten your okay before he ran it past the rest of the board. He acknowledged this, but said that time didn't allow that since he and I weren't meeting until today. I told him that he should have told me last week when he requested a meeting that it was urgent. I explained that as board chairman, you needed to review items up front and that you should never be the last to be informed, especially the day before a signed document is due. Haynes apologized and said that he will adhere to this in the future. I told him I'd have to run this past you for your approval.

I think the proposal is a good idea and you should okay it. He said that all of the board, except for Sen. Harden whom he hasn't been able to speak to, has signed off on it, including Dr. Johnson, Dr. Stonecypher and John McCullouch. He said that Ken Milam has reviewed the lease and said that JMG couldn't afford not to do this.

This will also provide us with a dropout recovery program. Dropout prevention and recovery are areas that we need to increase our activities in.

May I tell Haynes that you are okay with the WIN One-Stop Job Center in Canton?	
Yes	No